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Examiner : Pedro Philogene
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the Examiner's attention is directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08A and 08B. A copy of the non patent listed reference is provided.

Applicant respectfully submits that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

It is to be understood that the present disclosure of art is in no way intended to be a waiver of any arguments or defenses available to the Applicant under the rules of the U.S. Patent

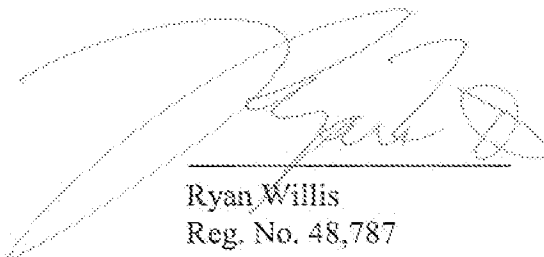
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and Trademark Office and the statutes of the United States. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3072.

Respectfully submitted,



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